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5. Individual parachute jumps were made from the biplanes flying in formation of up to three. Group jumps were made from the twin-engine planes flying individually or in formations of up to eight planes. All the jumps were made from altitudes of about 400 meters. Each of the twin-engine planes carried eight parachutists who jumped in a period of 30 seconds. All the parachutes opened shortly after the parachutists had jumped. The dropping of weapons was not observed. Detachments composed of women wearing parachute insignia were also observed in the town. Three or four captive balloons moored at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters were seen daily at the parachutists' training ground. Three parachutists jumped from these balloons in rapid succession.
6. Another PW who had served with the German Air Force said that the twin-engine planes were fitted under the fuselage with bomb racks which retracted rearward.

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